

Application No.: 10/019,210

Docket No.: (AP9654)64098-0897

REMARKS

Claims 28, 30, 38-40 and 42 are cancelled herein. Claims 1-23 were previously cancelled. Claims 24 and 41 are amended herein. New claims 47-50 have been added. Accordingly, claims 24-27, 29, 31-37, 41, and 43-50 remain under prosecution in this application.

In the Drawings

The Examiner has indicated on the Office Action Summary (line 10) that the drawings filed on 02/June/2000 are objected to by the Examiner. However, the undersigned cannot find any additional explanation in the office action explaining why the drawings are unacceptable. On March 30, 2004, the undersigned called Examiner Ellington (571) 272-2178 but the Examiner did not answer her phone and accordingly, the undersigned left a voice mail message explaining that the nature of the Examiner's objections to the drawings could not be determined from the papers in the file of the undersigned. The undersigned has also closely examined the drawings of record and can see nothing, on its face, that makes the drawings deficient. The undersigned respectfully requests the Examiner to clarify the nature of the drawing objections of record.

35 USC §102

Claims 24-29, 32, 33, 35, and 38-41 are rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Oshiro. Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the features of originally submitted claims 28 and 30. None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention set forth in newly amended claim 24 and accordingly, the undersigned believes that claim 24 and its dependent claims (25-29, and 31-37) are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 41 has been amended to incorporate the features of originally submitted claim 42. None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention set forth in newly amended claim 41 and accordingly, the undersigned believes that amended claim 41 is now in condition for allowance.

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New claim 47 has been added. New claim 47 incorporates the features of originally submitted claims 24 and 31. None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention set forth in new claim 47 and accordingly, the undersigned believes that new claim 47 is now in condition for allowance. New claim 48 has been added. New claim 48 incorporates the features of originally submitted claims 24 and 34. None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention set forth in new claim 48 and accordingly the undersigned believes that new claim 48 is in condition for allowance. New claim 49 has been added. New claim 49 incorporates the features of originally submitted claims 24 and 36. None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention set forth in new claim 49 and accordingly, the undersigned believes that new claim 49 and its dependent claim (claim 50) are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. (AP9654) 64098-0897 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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